

Dear Families,

We've had an amazing week at West Alvington! The children kicked things off with a sunny and energising Forest School session, where everyone was able to connect with nature while learning and having fun outdoors.

A highlight was an exciting author visit, where children had the chance to engage with the writer, ask questions, and get inspired by their creative journey. The week ended on an unexpected high with a fantastic bagpipe performance in the playground! It was a truly unique experience that added a special touch to the week.



Along with this week's bulletin, I'm also sharing our Trust Annual Report to Parents, which is packed with lots of exciting information about our wider school family.

Have a great weekend,


Miss Coombe

Family Reading Session

Wednesday 5th March - 2-3pm on Zoom - Free Family Support Session - Supporting your child on their reading journey.




FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON
THEIR READING JOURNEY
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
2-3PM ON ZOOM



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader. This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2). Please note, this session will not be recorded.

Any questions or queries please contact:
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[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/KJHUJU312B](https://forms.office.com/E/KJHUJU312B)



Information for Parents - Autism and us Programme

Devon's SEND Local Offer

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/what-is-send/communication-and-interaction/autism-and-us/>

Support for parents or carers of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

The 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic-based workshops are a great way to find out more about neuro diversity.

No.	Programme topic	Programme one date	Programme two date
1	Autism overview	Tuesday 21 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 6 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tuesday 28 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 13 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tuesday 4 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 20 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 11 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 27 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Workshop topic	Date and time
DiAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) and PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Thursday 1 April: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing and integration	Tuesday 25 March 9.30am – 12pm
Autism and girls	Wednesday 12 March: 9.30am – 12pm
Autism – Demand avoidance and PDA	Wednesday 13 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (speaking children – support strategies)	Tuesday 11 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress and anxiety	Thursday 20 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability and online safety	Thursday 27 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (non/limited speaking children – support strategies)	Thursday 6 March: 10am – 12pm

WEBINAR - Supporting your child with SEND with SEMH



Children and young people with SEMH have severe difficulties in managing their emotions and behaviour. They often show inappropriate responses and feelings to situations. In this webinar experts will share information and strategies to help you to support children with SEND with their SEMH. We will also share some useful tips and advice to support each other.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-supporting-your-child-with-send-with-semh-tickets-1214712169799?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1

Some important information for next week-

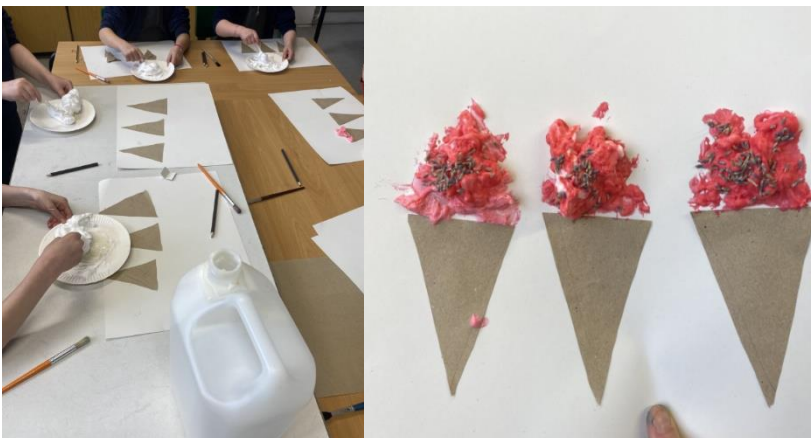
Forest School Dates – 26th February (Hazel and Chestnut),

KCC Science Masterclass Year 5 – 27th February, 12th March

SATs Booster Club – Tuesday and Friday 8am start

Sports Club – Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 – 4pm

Look at these lovely puffy paint ice creams we made in art club 😊



West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



Wow Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



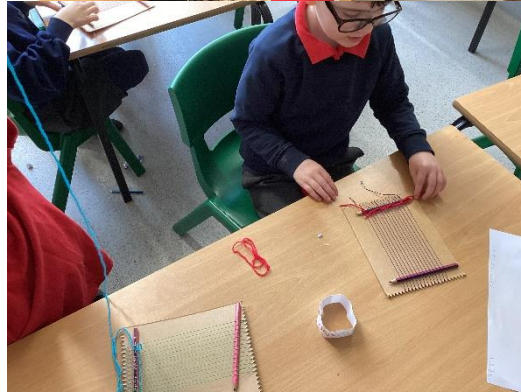
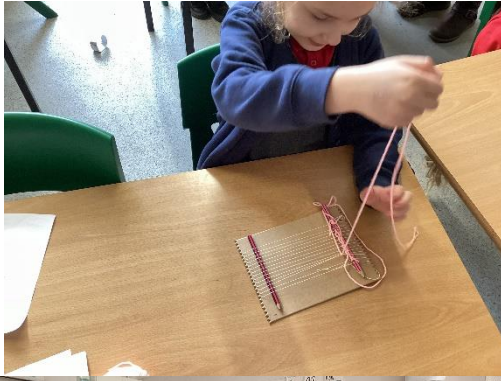
Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

We can't wait to see!

Hazel Years R-2

This week we had a visit from a professional author who writes children's books. She came in and told us how she became an author and showed us her new book which people can't even buy yet called the space in-between. We had a go at drawing like an illustrator does as well. We had so much fun. As artists, this week we have started our piece of weaving which we are going to finish next week and then take home. We can't wait to show you our final piece.



Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: love, come, were, there

Year 2: whole, plant, path, bath

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday

New books : Friday

Oxford owl:

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Loki- For such amazing reading of your book to lots of different adults in the school



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 96%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

We kicked off the week with a wonderful sunny Forest School session led by Pete. The children enjoyed exploring the forest, taking part in various activities that encouraged problem-solving and teamwork, all while connecting with nature. Some lucky Year 5 children had an exciting afternoon at KCC, where they took part in a physics master class focused on bridge building. They had the opportunity to explore and construct different types of bridges, including suspension and cantilever bridges, using spaghetti!

The children showed great creativity and engineering skills while applying their knowledge of physics in a practical way. In class, the children had a fantastic time using their imaginations to write their own adventure stories – developing their creative writing skills and a perfect lead-up to our upcoming English unit of Kensuke's Kingdom next half term.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make learning an exciting and memorable experience for all the children in Oak Class.

Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

Home Learning

This week, as part of our Art focus on L.S Lowry, the children are bringing home copies of his work to inspire their own sketched creative pieces of art, using pencil.

Spelling

This week, we are learning about the possessive apostrophe - Megan's dog and Ravi's cat

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Elsie

For your wonderful writing in all of our curriculum lessons, your amazing colour wheel in art and the incredible home learning completed every week! Well done



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 92%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

17th February-21st February- Half Term
26th February-Hazel and Chestnut Class Forest School
10th March-14th March – Year 5 & 6 Residential
Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April- Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April- Non-Pupil Day